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In re Application of: Ross A. Donnelly, William C. Naylor and Michael Fu

Serial No.: 10/016,232 ✓

Examiner: not yet assigned

Filed: 12/06/01 ✓

Art Unit: 2825

For: MULTIPLE PASS OPTIMIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT PLACEMENT ✓

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application

☒ Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment for the above identified patent application.
(14 sheets)

Transmitted herewith are sheets of substitute formal drawings.

Other:

2. Applicant is other than a small entity

Extension of Term

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension	Fee
[] one month	\$110.00
[] two months	\$400.00
[] three months	\$920.00
[] four months	\$1,960.00

Fee \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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Fee Calculation

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Fee Items	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	20	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	- 5 =	0	x \$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (one or more, first added by this amendment)				\$260.00	\$0.00
Total Fees					\$0.00

PAYMENT OF FEES


5. The full fee due in connection with this communication is provided as follows:
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